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1. PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS IN ISTANBUL AUGUST 9
THAT THE TURKISH SURVEY SHIP SISMIK (HORA) "IS CONTINUING
AND WILL CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATIONS". ANSWERING A QUESTION,
HE STATED, "IT IS OUR RIGHT TO PROSPECT IN THE AEGEAN AND
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WE ARE USING THIS RIGHT...THERE WOULD BE NO CONFLICT IF THE

CONTINENTAL SHELF WERE DELINEATED IN THE AEGEAN. IT IS
MEANINGLESS FOR THE GREEKS TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIFIC AREA AS
THEIR OWN SINCE THE CONTINENTAL SHELF HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED...
NO ONE CAN OBSTRUCT THE HORA'S OPERATIONS. WHAT WE ARE DOING
IS CORRECT IN WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE WILL
CONTINUE WITH OUR PROGRAM."

2. THE TURKISH PRESS AUGUST 10 HEADLINED THE SECOND GREEK
PROTEST AND THE GREEK ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO TAKE THE
DISPUTE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CAPTIONED
A REPORT FROM ATHENS WITH THE STATEMENT THAT GREEK GENERALS
WANTED TO EITHER SEIZE OR SINK THE SISMIK. SOME PAPERS
QUOTED MINISTER OF DEFENSE MELEN, PRESENTLY TOURING
EASTERN TURKEY, AS SAYING THAT THE "IRRATIONAL IRRITATION
SHOWN BY THE GREEKS OVER THE SISMIK PUTS THEM IN A DIFFICULT
POSITION IN THE WORLD. GRECO-TURKISH COOPERATION HAS
CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY
IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN...IN MY VIEW IT IS POSSIBLE TO
SOLVE ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY THROUGH
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